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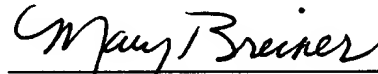
The claims are being amended as to form only to
better conform the claims to U.S. claim practice.

Favorable consideration of the claims is
requested.

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Attachment - Version of Marked-Up Claims

VERSION OF MARKED-UP CLAIMS

1. (Amended) Apparatus for playing a game comprising a pack of playing cards having a set of differentiated face designs on the playing [card faces] cards, said face designs being a conventional or substantially conventional set of playing card markings; and rules to determine [the] a method of game play; [and characterised in that] wherein a number of backs of the playing [card backs] cards possess markings that are coordinated with the face designs found on the playing cards to enable [the] formation of a different type of set based on the markings found on the backs of the playing [card backs] cards, as determined by the rules of game play.

2. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the markings on the backs of the playing [card backs] cards comprise an outer portion identical on each card and an inner portion coordinated with the face designs found on the playing cards.

3. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 [or 2] wherein the markings on each of the backs of the playing [card backs can be selected from the group comprising:] cards are-

1) a selected sentence or group of sentences of a poem to be arranged in a set to form a completed poem; or

2) selected frames of a cartoon strip to be arranged in a set to form [the] a completed cartoon strip;
or

3) selected images to be arranged in a set to form a completed image of a commercial product.

4. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the pack comprises 52 cards and the face [markings] designs are four suits of ace to king markings.

5. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in [any of the preceding Claims] Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the rules dictate [inter alia] at least that the playing cards are dealt out face down in a conventional manner to each player in rotation one card on top of another to completely obscure the markings on [the previous] a previously dealt card.

6. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in [any of the preceding Claims] Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the rules [inter alia] at least dictate that scoring during [the] course of game play is dependent [not only] upon [the] a number of tricks that a player collects at [the] an end of a round

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[()]determined by the face [design] designs of the playing cards[]], [but also] and on how many of [the] completed sets [()]based upon the markings on the backs of the playing cards[]] are formed during each of the tricks at the end of a round.